

NO CHANCE FOR CROOKS TO RETURN

Major League Magnates Would Not Dare to Employ Them.

It was amazing to find a belief among many baseball men that the public will forget the scandal, writes Hugh Fullerton. The attendance upon and the enthusiasm over the Cleveland games was pointed out as proof that the fans already are forgetting. The faith of the public, they said, was not shaken. The public believes all the crooks are caught and that the others are innocent. No real harm done, after all. They talked along that line. They probably believe it. They said that the clamor against the slacking players who dodged military service died out quickly and that the public forgot it as soon as the slacker made a few base hits. Meaning that they would forget in this case.

They do not believe in the force of public opinion, or else they believe that baseball fans do not care. I heard one winger offered that two club owners who were named would be bidding for the services of Buck Weaver and Joe Jackson next spring. I heard one man assert that it would be possible to create a public demand for the return of Joe Jackson to the game.

In spite of the low opinion these persons hold for the force of public opinion, no one need be alarmed. No matter what the legal technicalities may be there is no danger that any one of the crooked players ousted from baseball ever will have the nerve to face an American league crowd in a baseball game.

HEYDLER DENIES HE PANNED BAN

National League President Says Somebody Mis-quoted Him.

It is with no little astonishment that we read the application of John A. Heydler, president of the National league, for membership in baseball's "I-Didn't-Say-It" club, writes Damon Runyon in the New York American.

Mr. Heydler now denies, according to an interview, that he said any of the things about Ban Johnson, attributed to the Heydlerian tongue, in interviews sent from Chicago.

Mr. Heydler says it is not true that he considered suspicious circumstances in the first game of the world's series, and that Ban Johnson waved him aside. "Nothing of the sort happened," says Mr. Heydler, "for I had no suspicions."

After due reflection we are convinced that the last part of Mr. Heydler's latest interview is true. At least we accept it as true until Mr. Heydler says he did not say this either.

A man who could find nothing to arouse his suspicions in the statement of a Christy Mathewson that a Hal Chase was not on the level, would scarcely find anything suspicious in a world's series game that fooled thousands of spectators.

A man whose suspicions were not excited by the bald statement of one ball player that another ball player had offered him a certain sum of money to commit a crooked act is just naturally an unsuspicious person.

We apologize to Mr. Heydler. We thought for a few moments that he had suddenly arisen above the dead level of dull clerical level usually assigned to presidents of the National league, and become an executive in his own right.

Duster Mails, it is said, proposed to go into the movies. He has the scenario outlined. He is to be the hero who was turned down in his home town (Brooklyn) only to go out into the world, make a reputation and come back with the rival team (Cleveland) and confound the natives—to say nothing of lifting the mortgage and copping the girl.

Joe Guyon, who jumped a contract with Atlanta during midseason only to be taken back when the club could use him, is now playing football with Jim Thorpe's professional gridiron team. He also is assistant coach of the Georgia Tech football squad and makes the trip from Atlanta to Canton each week-end to fill his playing engagements.

"IT WAS LIKE THIS, JUDGE—"

"Where have I seen you before?" asked Judge Barker in city court Thursday of Mose Maretti, negro, charged with being drunk. "Have you ever been in this court before?" Mose vowed that he had never been arrested before. Court Sgt. Cole untangled the mystery when he said: "You know Mose, Judge. He is your paddler at the Beaver Dam Hunting club, when you go after ducks."

"Oh, yes, that's where I saw him. Many's the good juicy duck Mose and I have shot. But the arresting officer says Mose was drunk election night at the Union station."

"Judge," spoke up Judas J. M. Geor, "I am heartily ashamed of Mose. I have always set him a good example. I never take more than well—two drinks at a time. Now, in the interests of justice let me speak a word for him. If you fine him it will cause untold misery in the ranks of the culprits so unfortunate as to be haled before you. If Mose is fined, his mother will be worrying about him. She will put too much pepper in your duck, that will put you in a bad humor, and city court offenders will suffer. See what I mean?"

"Yes, I understand. You eat at the club, too. And I understand that Mose was drunk in violation of a city ordinance. But in the interest of gastronomic equilibrium, I will slant his fine some. Ten dollars, Mose."

Mose's wife came to his assistance, rendering pecuniary first aid, and securing his freedom.

Mrs. W. K. Hyde testified in city court Thursday that she had taken her husband's revolver to sell, to purchase food for her children, after Hyde had refused to support them, and had threatened her life. She was charged with carrying a pistol. The case was dismissed.

W. H. Wycoff, who was in city court a few days ago as defendant in several charges coming out of a wreck he figured in, appeared again in city court Thursday in the case of Arthur Welch, charged with vagrancy. Welch testified that he had been working for Wycoff. Prior to this, he had worked two weeks on the fire department. In spite of Wycoff's testimony, Welch was fined \$25.

Henry Wilson, charged with stealing about three gallons of alcohol from the Maury-Cole company, a little at a time for the last 30 days, was bound to the state in city court Thursday, his bond being fixed at \$250.

"Gen." Gifford told the court that he was selling brand new auto parts at half price at his alleged "junk" shop on Union avenue, and claimed that brand new parts are not junk.

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